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GOAL SETTING MEETING

January 7, 2016
1:00 PM

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Steve Lawrence

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dan Spatz, Tim McGlothlin, Linda Miller, Russ Brown, Taner Elliott

STAFF PRESENT: Interim City Manager Julie Krueger, Recording Secretary Izetta Grossman, Project Coordinator Daniel Hunter, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Finance Director Kate Mast, Police Chief Jay Waterbury, Planning Director Richard Gassman, Business Development Director Gary Rains

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted by Recording Secretary Izetta Grossman; all Councilors present.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Gary Rains said there were many exciting projects in the works and reported the following:

- Tony's Building project is moving forward. He said conditions for replacement of the mural will be part of the development agreement, noting that the murals had always been part of the discussion. Two tax lots (four store fronts) tied to the alley and parking lot. 50 parking spaces part of Tokola building; four floors of vertical housing with retail at street level.

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- Granada Block RFP closes on January 19; there had been a number of calls regarding the project.
- Freebridge Brewery was opening January 19, everyone invited to the ribbon cutting at 5 p.m. He said all previously rented space in the Mint building was full.
- Two agencies were looking for space in downtown.
- A cidery was going into the Port property. This would be manufacturing/commercial; employing 8-10 people.
- Liberty Tab Room was going in to the old Crown Prints building.
- An organic food store had made two offers on properties; opening targeted for spring.
- Sedition Brewing Co. (formerly Defiance) was scheduled for February opening.
- Oregon Trail Games was moving to the old Whole Ball of Yarn space; during the remodel wonderful solid wood floors were discovered.
- Craig's Building renovation was under way; plans submitted, permits paid, colors chosen.
- Elks Building moving along; meetings with plumbers, electricians, architects. Pre-application meeting with Planning Department next week. Developers want to establish a local advisory committee. Roof had been repaired. Target partial opening in August 2016.
- Eight neon signs had been identified for walking tour downtown; work being done to identify location of signs and long term maintenance.
- Family may sell Honald Building.
- DME – Old Urness Building – MCMC occupies first floor; Bottom floor rented to Adams Construction.
- MCMC would use old GOHBI space until Craig's Building renovation complete.
- Route 30 on Second Street opened in November.
- Investigating possible "Doc in a Box"- Urgent Care in downtown.
- Beachwood Food Cart was looking for permanent space outside of downtown.

- Gorge Community Music opening in old Columbia River Music space.

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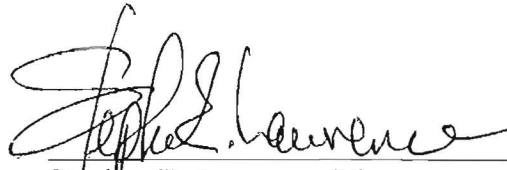
See attached updated Goal list. Another Goal Setting would be scheduled after a new City Manager is in place.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman
Recording Secretary

SIGNED:


Stephen E. Lawrence, Mayor

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, Recording Secretary

CITY COUNCIL WORKPLAN
For next 12 months (2015-16)

City of The Dalles MISSION STATEMENT

“By working together, we will provide services that enhance the vitality of The Dalles”

Value Statements:

- A.** Provide City-wide infrastructure to support safe and well maintained streets and reliable utility systems for the citizens of The Dalles.
- B.** Work and partner with governmental agencies and non-profits to improve coordination of services and open communication.
- C.** Promote economic development opportunities which will provide jobs and enhance community livability.
- D.** Maintain a balanced budget that will provide for sustained City operations and capital improvements, while assuring an adequate contingency fund.
- E.** Encourage civic responsibility and promote health and public safety through programs, partnerships, plans and policies.
- F.** Provide transparent and efficient administration of City government.

FY 2015-16 Prioritized Goals by Vision:

A. Infrastructure:

- 1. Develop street construction projects and focus resources on prevention maintenance projects (ie: patching, crack sealing, chip sealing).
- 2. Identify and support opportunities for increased federal and state transportation funding available to local governments.
- 3. Initiate design work and pursue grant/loan financing for the Dog River waterline replacement and the Crow Creek Dam increasing capacity proposals; and then implement an approved plan.
- 4. Complete Phase I improvements of the Wastewater Master Plan.
- 5. Complete Watershed post fire rehabilitation project.

6. Complete Transportation System Plan (TSP) update.
7. Review Water Capital Improvement Plan and rate structure.
8. Monitor stream temperature issues related to Wicks backwash water discharge.
9. Complete easement acquisition and design of Industrial Fire Flow Waterline Loop.
10. Construct 18 inch industrial flow waterline loop.
11. Complete enhancement to Lone Pine Well.

B. Work with partners:

1. Identify and pursue opportunities to assist the community in enhancing the K through community college education system and improve school facilities, including Columbia Gorge Education and Workforce Collaborative with focus on skilled workforce to meet community needs.
2. Provide direction regarding how to proceed with process to review community request for expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary.
3. Move toward use of renewable energy technique for all city-owned properties: Begin with Library in fiscal year 2015-16.
4. Investigate opportunities to partner with or share services with Wasco County, including involvement in County Library Services District, including building ownership.
5. Work with Regional Solutions Team and Mid-Columbia Economic Development District to support and promote an attainable housing program.
6. Establish an on-going relationship with the four tribes with area interest at Tribunal Council/City Council level.
7. Consider implementation of a maintenance and operation plan for the Lewis and Clark Rock Fort site for potential transfer of ownership from County to City.
8. Work with Parks & Recreation District, School District, Health District, Wasco County, Mid-Columbia Medical Center and HEAL Cities Campaign to redevelop Kramer Field as a destination outdoor sports complex, improve pedestrian and bicycle connections to Riverfront Trail, identify new public green space opportunities in the Chenoweth area, and promote sports as a business throughout the community.
9. Participate in Oregon Historic Highway Celebration.

C. Economic Development:

1. Ensure the plan to redevelop the Granada Block meets DDA requirements and proceed with redevelopment and associated parking structure, if needed, after Urban Renewal Board's final acceptance of the redevelopment plan.
2. Develop, in partnership with Main Street, programs and activities to fill empty downtown store fronts and strengthen its economic vitality.
3. During the fiscal year 2015-16 budget process review the City and Chamber's partnership regarding tourism.
4. Complete engineering and architectural design and cost analysis for Civic Auditorium's Theatre renovation.
5. Work with the Chamber and Main Street program to maximize use of the Vertical Housing Zone, and other tools to develop upper levels of downtown buildings, including creation of housing opportunities.
6. Pursue local Bike Hubs as part of the Columbia Gorge Bike Trail.
7. Complete Lewis and Clark Fountain.
8. Pursue funding for Curation of the Community's Historic Assets.
9. Identify opportunities to support the Port's efforts to develop a Regional Wetland Permit.
10. Strengthen relationship with Klickitat County regarding Airport; develop improved communications with Airport Managers.
11. Work with community partners to develop an RV Park in the community.
12. Complete study regarding Gitchell Building with recommendation regarding whether it should be demolished, stabilized, or rehabilitated.
13. Develop a plan for open space/park near the Veteran's Office.

D. Balanced Budget:

1. During fiscal year 2015-16 budget process consider level and type of resources to make available to economic development with emphasis on manufacturing jobs and revitalization of the downtown, and then implement that plan.

2. Analyze financial viability of continuing current municipal court system or moving toward a traffic court style.
3. Develop and implement a plan to get our Workers Comp experience rating factor down to a .9; develop an incentive based employee safety program.
4. Prepare a report for the Council on Human Resources and safety program options prior to the fiscal year 2016-17 budget process.
5. Complete implementation of all new software, including changing and streamlining processes for efficiency and better customer service.

E. Civic Responsibility and Public Safety:

1. Develop and implement plan to improve the City's image from the freeway.

F. Transparent Efficient Government:

1. Continue to stay current with technology needs on website and in social media communication.